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COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

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COMPLAINT

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, A MUNICIPAL et al VS. TARUNKUMAR K PATE

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: TARUNKUMAR K. PATEL, as Trustee, or any
(**AVISO AL DEMANDADO**): Successor Trustee(s) of the PATEL FAMILY
REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 31, 2002; VINODKUMAR R.
PATEL and SANGITA V. PATEL, as Trustees of THE VINODKUMAR R.
PATEL AND SANGITA V. PATEL LIVING TRUST, DATED AUGUST 29,
2001; VYOMESH R. PATEL, as Trustee of THE VYOMESH R. PATEL
LIVING TRUST, DATED AUGUST 29, 2001; MOHAMMED SHAIKH;
NASIR SHAIKH; and DOE ONE through DOE FIFTY, inclusive,

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN
(**LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE**): FRANCISCO, a
Municipal Corporation, and the PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA, by and through DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney
for the CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
400 McAllister Street, Room 103
San Francisco, CA 94102

CASE NUMBER:
(Número del Caso):

CGC-09-493770

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

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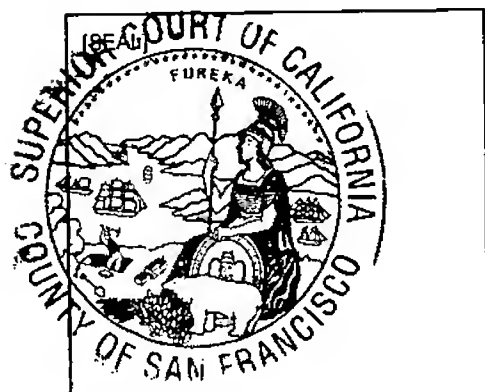
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2. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):
3. ☐ on behalf of (specify):

under: ☐ CCP 416.10 (corporation) ☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)
☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) ☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) ☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)
☐ other (specify):

4. ☐ by personal delivery on (date):



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TARUNKUMAR K. PATEL, et al.

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GORDON PARK-LI, Clerk

BY: 
Deputy Clerk**CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET**

☒ **Unlimited** (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000)
☐ **Limited** (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less)

Complex Case Designation

☐ **Counter** ☐ **Joinder**

Filed with first appearance by defendant
(Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)

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JUDGE:

DEPT:

Items 1-6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case:

Auto Tort

☐ Auto (22)
☐ Uninsured motorist (46)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

☐ Asbestos (04)
☐ Product liability (24)
☐ Medical malpractice (45)
☐ Other PI/PD/WD (23)

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

☐ Business tort/unfair business practice (07)
☐ Civil rights (08)
☐ Defamation (13)
☐ Fraud (16)
☐ Intellectual property (19)
☐ Professional negligence (25)
☐ Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)

Employment

☐ Wrongful termination (36)
☐ Other employment (15)

Contract

☐ Breach of contract/warranty (06)
☐ Rule 3.740 collections (09)
☐ Other collections (09)
☐ Insurance coverage (18)
☐ Other contract (37)

Real Property

☐ Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14)
☐ Wrongful eviction (33)
☐ Other real property (26)

Unlawful Detainer

☐ Commercial (31)
☐ Residential (32)
☐ Drugs (38)

Judicial Review

☐ Asset forfeiture (05)
☐ Petition re: arbitration award (11)
☐ Writ of mandate (02)
☐ Other judicial review (39)

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation
(Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403)

☐ Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)
☐ Construction defect (10)
☐ Mass tort (40)
☐ Securities litigation (28)
☐ Environmental/Toxic tort (30)
☐ Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

☐ Enforcement of judgment (20)

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

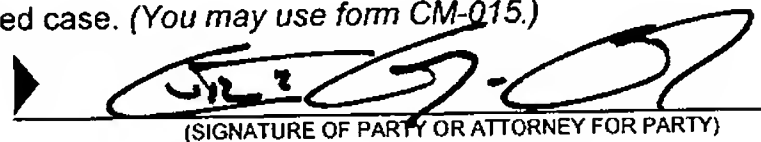
☐ RICO (27)
☒ Other complaint (not specified above) (42)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

☐ Partnership and corporate governance (21)
☐ Other petition (not specified above) (43)

2. This case ☐ is ☒ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:
- a. ☐ Large number of separately represented parties d. ☐ Large number of witnesses
b. ☐ Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve e. ☐ Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court
c. ☐ Substantial amount of documentary evidence f. ☐ Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision
3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☒ monetary b. ☒ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☒ punitive
4. Number of causes of action (specify): Three
5. This case ☐ is ☒ is not a class action suit.
6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: October 26, 2009

CURTIS CHRISTY-CIRILLO, Deputy City Attorney
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)
(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)**NOTICE**

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN
FRANCISCO, a Municipal Corporation, and
the PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
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HERRERA, City Attorney for the CITY AND
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Plaintiffs,

vs.

TARUNKUMAR K. PATEL, as Trustee, or
any Successor Trustee(s) of the PATEL
FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED
DECEMBER 31, 2002; VINODKUMAR R.
PATEL and SANGITA V. PATEL, as Trustees
of THE VINODKUMAR R. PATEL AND
SANGITA V. PATEL LIVING TRUST,
DATED AUGUST 29, 2001; VYOMESH R.
PATEL, as Trustee of THE VYOMESH R.
PATEL LIVING TRUST, DATED AUGUST
29, 2001; MOHAMMED SHAIKH; NASIR
SHAIKH; and DOE ONE through DOE
FIFTY, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. **CGC-09-493770**

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE AND OTHER
RELIEF

Type of Case: (42) Other Complaint

1 The CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO ("City"), a municipal corporation, and
2 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, by and through San Francisco City Attorney
3 Dennis J. Herrera (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), file their complaint against TARUNKUMAR K. PATEL,
4 as Trustee, or any Successor Trustee(s) of the PATEL FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED
5 DECEMBER 31, 2002; VINODKUMAR R. PATEL and SANGITA V. PATEL, as Trustees of THE
6 VINODKUMAR R. PATEL AND SANGITA V. PATEL LIVING TRUST, DATED AUGUST 29,
7 2001; VYOMESH R. PATEL, as Trustee of THE VYOMESH R. PATEL LIVING TRUST, DATED
8 AUGUST 29, 2001; MOHAMMED SHAIKH; NASIR SHAIKH, and DOE ONE through DOE
9 FIFTY, inclusive (collectively, "Defendants"). Plaintiffs hereby allege as set forth below:

10 INTRODUCTION

11 1. This action arises out of Defendants' ownership, lease, maintenance, operation, and
12 management of the property located at 2524-2532V Lombard Street, San Francisco, California.

13 2. Defendants use the property at 2524-2532V Lombard Street as a Single Resident
14 Occupancy Motel ("SRO").

15 3. The property is operated in a fashion that harbors criminal activity and violations of
16 habitation law, maintaining thereby a public nuisance.

17 4. By maintaining the property at 2524-2532V Lombard Street in a manner fostering
18 criminal activity, and as a public nuisance, Defendants are in violation of Health and Safety Code
19 Sections 11570-11587 (the "Drug Abatement Act").

20 5. By maintaining the property at 2524-2532V Lombard Street as substandard housing,
21 and as a public nuisance, Defendants have violated Health and Safety Code Sections 179220-17980.9
22 (the "State Housing Law").

23 6. By maintaining the property at 2524-2532V Lombard Street as substandard housing,
24 and as a public nuisance, Defendants have violated the San Francisco Housing Code.

25 7. By maintaining the property at 2524-2532V Lombard Street as substandard housing,
26 and as a public nuisance, Defendants have violated the San Francisco Health Code.

27 8. By maintaining the property at 2524-2532V Lombard Street in violation of numerous
28 provisions of state and local law, and as a public nuisance, Defendants are engaging in unfair and

1 unlawful business practices in violation of Business and Professions Code Sections 17200-17210 (the
2 "Unfair Competition Law" or "UCL").

3 **PARTIES AND SUBJECT PROPERTY**

4 9. Plaintiff City and County of San Francisco is a municipal corporation organized and
5 existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California.

6 10. The City and County of San Francisco brings this action under Civil Code Sections
7 3479, 3480, 3491, 3494, and Code of Civil Procedure Section 731, and Health and Safety Code
8 Sections 11570-11587 and 17920 -17992.

9 11. The People of the State of California, by and through San Francisco City Attorney
10 Dennis J. Herrera, bring this action pursuant to Civil Code Sections 3479, 3480, 3491, 3494, Code of
11 Civil Procedure Section 731, and the Unfair Competition Law.

12 12. The property is a building operated as a single resident occupancy hotel ("SRO"),
13 commonly known as the Bridge Motel (the "Bridge Motel"), located at 2524-2532V Lombard Street,
14 Block 935, Lots 3 and 4, in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California (the "Property")
15 and more particularly described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated as part of this
16 Complaint.

17 13. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and therefore allege, that at all times herein
18 mentioned, Defendant Mohammed Shaikh and Nasir Shaikh have been the lessees of the Property and
19 as owners, managers, and operators of the SRO operating as the Bridge Motel.

20 14. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and therefore allege, that at all times herein
21 mentioned Mohammed Shaikh and Nasir Shaikh personally managed and made business decisions
22 concerning the operation of the Bridge Motel.

23 15. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and therefore allege, that at all times herein
24 mentioned Tarunkumar K. Patel, as Trustee, or any Successor Trustee(s) of the Patel Family
25 Revocable Trust dated December 31, 2002; Vinodkumar R. Patel and Sangita V. Patel, as Trustees of
26 The Vinodkumar R. Patel and Sangita V. Patel Living Trust, dated August 29, 2001; Vyomesh R.
27 Patel, as Trustee of The Vyomesh R. Patel Living Trust, dated August 29, 2001 have been the owners
28 of the Property at all times pertinent to this complaint.

16. Defendants Doe One through Doe Fifty are sued herein under fictitious names. Plaintiffs do not at this time know the true names or capacities of said Defendants, but pray that the same may be inserted herein when ascertained.

17. At all times herein mentioned, each Defendant was an agent, servant, employee, partner, franchisee or joint venturer of each other Defendant and at all times was acting within the course and scope of said agency, service, employment, partnership, franchise, or joint venture.

18. Whenever reference is made in this Complaint to any act of "Defendants," each such allegation shall mean that each defendant acted both individually and jointly with the other Defendants. Actions taken by or omissions made by Defendants' employees or agents in the course of their employment or agency are considered to be actions or omissions of Defendants for the purposes of this Complaint.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

19. Defendants now are, and for a considerable period of time heretofore and at all times herein mentioned have been using, maintaining, and/or permitting use of the Property as a SRO that repeatedly operates as a public nuisance in violation of the state and local law. Representative examples of Defendants using or permitting the Property to be operated unlawfully are listed below.

I. CRIMINAL ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED TO THE BRIDGE MOTEL

20. Since April, 2009, the San Francisco Police Department ("SFPD") has had 91 calls for service to respond to the Bridge Motel relating to trespass, fights, suspicious persons, persons with knives, domestic violence, grand theft, threats, disturbance, assault with a deadly weapon, persons with guns and other nuisance and illegal activity.

21. Since August of 2008, the SFPD have made multiple arrests at the Bridge Motel.

22. On August 20, 2008, the SFPD arrested a suspect at the Bridge Motel for burglary, forcible entry, stolen property, parole violation, and possession of a stolen vehicle.

23. On December 10, 2008, SFPD arrested a female Bridge Motel resident of Room 37 for a warrant arrest to an outside jurisdiction.

24. On December 10, 2008, SFPD arrested a male Bridge Motel resident of Room 37 for a warrant arrest to an outside jurisdiction.

1 25. On December 10, 2008, SFPD arrested a Bridge Motel resident of Room 11 for a
2 warrant arrest to an outside jurisdiction.

3 26. On December 21, 2008, SFPD arrested a Bridge Motel resident of Room 28 for theft.

4 27. On December 24, 2008, SFPD arrested a Bridge Motel resident of Room 7, a known
5 sex offender, for failure to register for sexual assault of adult, and parole violation (not to be alone
6 with a female but had a woman in his room).

7 28. On December 29, 2008, SFPD arrested a Bridge Motel resident of Room 37 for robbery
8 with a knife and resisting/obstructing a peace officer's duty.

9 29. On February 11, 2009, SFPD arrested a Bridge Motel resident of Room 22 for
10 possession of property relating to a local automobile burglary, probation violation, possession of a
11 controlled substance, and throwing hypodermic needles from a window of the motel into neighboring
12 yards.

13 30. On February 27, 2009, SFPD arrested the same Bridge Motel resident of Room 22 for
14 stolen property from a local automobile burglary, fraudulent use of an automated teller card, and
15 possession of heroin and hypodermic needles.

16 31. On March 1, 2009, SFPD arrested a Bridge Motel resident of Room 11 for drug sales
17 and parole violation. The reporting officer noted that "The Bridge Motel is plagued with criminal
18 activities, primarily narcotics, possession, sale and use. [...] It should also be noted that I have made
19 numerous arrest of subjects within the motel and of subjects who reside in the motel."

20 32. On March 19, 2009, SFPD arrested a Bridge Motel resident of Room 4 for counterfeit
21 currency.

22 33. On March 29, 2009, SFPD arrested a Bridge Motel resident of Room 8 for
23 methamphetamine offense, narcotics paraphernalia and probation violation.

24 34. On April 21, 2009, SFPD arrested a Bridge resident of Room 27 who was swinging a
25 golf club in the hallway and throwing glass bottles from second story window onto the street.

26 35. On April 24, 2009, SFPD arrested a man for drug sales. The man had been allowed
27 into the building through a rear emergency exit by a Bridge resident of Room 31.
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1 36. On May 5, 2009, SFPD held a Bridge Motel resident of Room 40 for investigative
2 detention and threatening an officer.

3 37. On June 14, 2009, SFPD arrested a Bridge Motel resident of Room 31 for terrorist
4 threats, malicious mischief, vandalism to property and vehicle, battery, under the influence, and
5 throwing bottles and furniture out of room window into the neighboring parking lot. SFPD noted they
6 had responded twice before on this individual, once for a fight.

7 38. On July 10, 2009, SFPD responded to a fight and a report of past domestic violence
8 within the Bridge Motel relating to the resident in Room 31.

9 39. On July 12, 2009, SFPD held for mental health detention a Bridge Motel resident of
10 Room 27 for being a danger to himself or others.

11 40. On July 16, 2009, SFPD arrested a Bridge Motel resident of Room 41 for a warrant for
12 an outstanding felony.

13 41. On August 10, 2009 SFPD held for mental health detention a Bridge Motel resident of
14 Room 22 for being a danger to himself or others.

15 42. On October 18, 2009, SFPD arrested a Bridge Motel resident of Room 34 for
16 methamphetamine possession for sale and parole violation.

17 **II. VIOLATIONS OF LOCAL CODES AT THE BRIDGE MOTEL**

18 **A. Department of Building Inspection**

19 43. Beginning in 2005, the San Francisco Department of Building Inspection ("DBI") has
20 inspected the Property, found violations, and issued Notices of Violations ("NOV") of the San
21 Francisco Housing Code.

22 44. On February 1, 2005, DBI issued a NOV for an expired permit to repair fire damage
23 and to maintain a one-hour, fire-restrictive barrier between the commercial and residential portions of
24 the building.

25 45. On February 18, 2005, DBI issued a NOV for a community shower locked from the
26 outside denying residents access.

27 46. On October 3, 2005, DBI issued a NOV for lack of permit to operate the building's
28 boiler.

1 47. On January 20, 2006, DBI issued a NOV to recharge all fire extinguishers and to
2 replace a missing fire extinguisher on the second floor.

3 48. On February 22, 2006, DBI issued a NOV to repair or replace the building's boiler as
4 there was no heat in the rooms.

5 49. On March 3, 2006, DBI issued a NOV for lack of required number of bathrooms, as
6 three community bathrooms were locked in a manner that denied residents access.

7 50. On March 31, 2006, DBI issued a NOV for malfunctioning fire alarm and failure to
8 provide proper closure and latching of the front door to the building

9 51. On April 11, 2006, DBI issued a NOV for locking a community bathroom in a manner
10 that denied residents access.

11 52. On April 28, 2006, DBI issued a NOV for garbage and debris at the property.

12 53. On July 11, 2006, DBI issued a NOV for a broken sink.

13 54. On June 15, 2006, DBI issued a NOV for failure to repair and maintain fire escape drop
14 ladder, broken skylight, failure to restore fire sprinkler head to garbage chute, missing smoke
15 detectors, unsafe extension cords, clogged toilets, broken sinks and faucets, water leak, refuse
16 throughout building, cockroach infestation, an illegally constructed storage closet, broken window and
17 sash frame, and broken sash cords.

18 55. On August 22, 2006, DBI issued a NOV for cockroach infestation, a broken sash cord
19 and sash frame, leak from ceiling, and replacement of carpet smelling of urine.

20 56. On September 13, 2006, DBI issued a NOV for an unrepaired garbage chute fire
21 sprinkler head, broken smoke detector, and damaged walls.

22 57. On October 11, 2006, DBI, after a duly noticed hearing, the Director of the Department
23 of Building Inspection issued an Order of Abatement which declared the Property a public nuisance
24 and instructed Defendants abate any remaining nuisance at the Property.

25 58. On December 8, 2006, DBI issued a NOV for lack of heat to one room.

26 59. On February 2, 2007, DBI issued a NOV for lack of daily reports and room receipts as
27 required by Chapter 41 of the San Francisco Administrative Code and Section 1102(c) of the San
28 Francisco Housing Code.

1 60. On February 16, 2007, DBI issued a NOV for missing intermittent guardrails at the top
2 of the interior stairs, and lack of self closing devices and dead latch locks on the side exit door.

3 61. On March 2, 2007, DBI issued a NOV for bedbug infestation and a window in need of
4 glazing seal.

5 62. On May 3, 2007, DBI issued a NOV for broken window, sash frame, toilet seat and
6 tank cover in community toilet, dangling light socket, provide heat to two rooms, and repair doors.

7 63. On May 4, 2007, DBI issued a NOV for two broken windows.

8 64. On May 23, 2007, DBI issued a NOV for rodent infestation, plant overgrowth and
9 deteriorated concrete which created an egress obstruction.

10 65. On June 8, 2007, DBI issued a NOV for leaking sink drain, refuse accumulation in
11 garbage storage area, repair and paint damaged walls, and repair or replace floor covering.

12 66. On November 6, 2007, after a duly noticed hearing, the Director of the Department of
13 Building Inspection issued an Order of Abatement which declared the Property a public nuisance and
14 instructed Defendants abate any remaining nuisance at the property.

15 67. On September 4, 2008, DBI issued a NOV for lack of required fire sprinkler head at
16 bottom of garbage chute, accumulation of rubbish, broken garbage chute, broken toilet seat, and need
17 to replace weather proofing.

18 68. On December 8, 2008, DBI issued a NOV for garbage chute clogged with rubbish,
19 refuse accumulation on side stairway, garbage storage area and roof ledges, and broken front door
20 lock.

21 69. On May 7, 2009, DBI issued a NOV for broken window and broken sash frame, and
22 accumulation of rubbish on window ledge.

23 70. On June 30, 2009, after a duly noticed hearing, the Director of the Department of
24 Building Inspection issued an Order of Abatement which declared the Property a public nuisance and
25 instructed Defendants abate any remaining nuisance at the property.

26 71. On July 21, 2009, DBI issued a NOV for a broken window, inoperable hot water faucet,
27 and to replace a hollow core door with a solid core door.

1 72. On August 28, 2009, DBI issued a NOV to remove rubbish and trash from rear yard,
2 ledge above rear yard, loose and abandoned items on roof, including ducts, pipes, abandoned satellite
3 dishes, air-conditioning units, tarps, and cinder blocks.

4 **B. Department of Public Health**

5 73. Beginning in 2006, the San Francisco Department of Public Health ("DPH") has
6 inspected the Property and found corrections were necessary to bring the Property into compliance
7 with the San Francisco Health Code.

8 74. On June 12, 2006, DPH, after a room-to-room inspection, notified Bridge Motel
9 management of cockroach infestation in 12 rooms and common hallways, broken sinks in three rooms,
10 broken windows, and carpets in need of cleaning.

11 75. On July 27, 2006, DPH notified Bridge Motel management of the need to replace
12 carpet, paint one room, cockroach abatement, and overflowing garbage in the motel's parking lot
13 garbage dumpster.

14 76. On August 11, 2006, DPH notified Bridge Motel management of need for additional
15 garbage service due to overflowing garbage in parking lot dumpster.

16 77. On November 6, 2007, DPH notified Bridge Motel management of live and dead
17 cockroaches found in one room.

18 78. On December 4, 2007, DPH notified Bridge Motel management of garbage being
19 thrown from rooms at the Bridge into netting between the Bridge and the neighboring Walgreen's
20 structure.

21 79. On July 14, 2008, DPH notified Bridge Motel management of overflowing garbage in
22 the motel's parking lot dumpster.

23 80. On July 22, 2008, DPH performed a room-to-room inspection of the property and found
24 rooms with the following: lack of running water, leaking sink and drain, low hot water pressure,
25 bedbugs and mold in common shows.

26 81. On August 20, 2008, DPH notified Bridge Motel management of overflowing garbage
27 in the motel's parking lot garbage dumpster and garbage being reportedly thrown by Bridge tenants
28 into the backyard a neighboring property.

1 82. On September 18, 2008, DPH notified Bridge management that they must provide
2 additional pest control treatment for bedbugs in three rooms.

3 83. On October 20, 2008, DPH notified Bridge Motel management of excess garbage in the
4 parking lot and overflowing garbage in the motel's dumpster.

5 84. On April 14, 2009, DPH notified Bridge Motel management that they must replace
6 carpeting in one room based on foul odor.

7 85. On June 9, 2009, DPH notified Bridge Motel management that they must provide proof
8 of pest control treatment for bedbug issues in three rooms.

9 **C. San Francisco Fire Department**

10 86. Beginning in 2006, the San Francisco Fire Department ("SFFD") has inspected the
11 Property and found violations of the San Francisco Fire Code.

12 87. On June 21, 2006, SFFD issued a Notice of Violation because the Property had blocked
13 exit stairways, lack of proof of current annual fire alarm certification, hazardous accumulation of
14 combustible materials, trash accumulation, electrical extension cords used in lieu of permanent wiring,
15 and lack of working smoke detectors in sleeping areas.

16 88. On December 3, 2007, SFFD issued a Notice of Violation to repair the fire alarm,
17 provide proof of current fire alarm UL certification, repair wall/ceiling penetrations, and provide an
18 approved permit for the fire alarm.

19 89. On July 30, 2009, SFFD instructed Bridge Motel management to correct a double-sided
20 lock at rear of building, which was in violation of the San Francisco Fire Code.

21 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR PUBLIC NUISANCE BROUGHT**
22 **BY PLAINTIFFS AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS**

23 **COUNT ONE: GENERAL PUBLIC NUISANCE STATUTE**
 (Civil Code Sections 3479, 3480)

24 90. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 89 above, as though
25 fully set forth herein.

26 91. By permitting the above described and other injurious and illegal activities to exist at
27 the Motel, Defendants now are, and for a considerable period of time heretofore and at all times herein
28 mentioned have been, causing and maintaining a continuing public nuisance within the meaning of

1 Civil Code Sections 3479 and 3480. The condition giving rise to this public nuisance is Defendants'
2 use of the Property as a SRO in violation of state and local law, including those that ensure public
3 safety. The manner in which Defendants maintain the Property is injurious to the health and safety of
4 the public, is dangerous to human life and is offensive to the senses so as to interfere with the
5 comfortable enjoyment of life or property of an entire community or neighborhood.

6 92. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants have had notice and knowledge that the
7 Property constituted a public nuisance.

8 93. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law in that damages are insufficient to protect the
9 public from the present danger and harm caused by the conditions described herein.

10 94. Unless said nuisance is abated, the surrounding community and neighborhood, and the
11 residents and citizens of the City and County of San Francisco, will suffer irreparable injury and
12 damage, in that said conditions will continue to be injurious to the health and safety of the public,
13 dangerous to human life and offensive to the senses so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment
14 of life or property of the citizens and residents of the City and County of San Francisco.

15 **COUNT TWO: PUBLIC NUISANCE PER SE**
16 **(San Francisco Housing, Fire and Health Codes)**

17 95. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 94 above, as though
18 fully set forth herein.

19 96. Plaintiff City and County of San Francisco brings this cause of action pursuant to San
20 Francisco Housing Code Sections 204(c)(2), 401, 1001, San Francisco Fire Code Sections 103.4.5, and
21 San Francisco Health Code Sections 581.

22 97. Defendants have for a considerable period of time, and at all times herein mentioned,
23 been maintaining the Property in violation of the San Francisco Housing Code. Pursuant to Housing
24 Code Section 401, any condition that is dangerous to human life or is detrimental to health or is a fire
25 hazard, or any building that has insufficient ventilation or illumination or inadequate or unsanitary
26 sewage or plumbing facilities, or any substandard building, is a per se public nuisance.

27 98. Defendants have, and for a considerable period of time, and at all times herein
28 mentioned, been maintaining the Property in violation of the San Francisco Fire Code. Pursuant to

1 Fire Code Section 103.4.5, any condition that is dangerous to human life or is detrimental to health or
2 is a fire hazard, is a per se public nuisance.

3 99. Defendants have, and for a considerable period of time, and at all times herein
4 mentioned, been maintaining the Property in violation of the San Francisco Health Code. Pursuant to
5 Health Code Section 581, a violation of its provisions prohibiting, among other things, unsanitary
6 conditions, pest harborage, accumulation of trash, and accumulation of debris, is a per se public
7 nuisance.

8 100. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants had notice and knowledge that the Property
9 constituted a public nuisance and an unsafe building or structure because they were notified by
10 warnings, administrative notices and orders issued by DBI, SFFD, and DPH, but failed to take
11 reasonable steps to abate the nuisance.

12 101. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law in that damages are insufficient to protect the
13 public from the present danger and harm caused by the conditions described above.

14 102. Unless said nuisance is abated, the residents of the Property, the residents of adjacent
15 properties, and the residents and citizens of the City and County of San Francisco, will suffer
16 irreparable injury and damage, in that said conditions will continue to be injurious to the continuous
17 enjoyment of life and the free use of property of said residents of the City and County of San
18 Francisco and the People of the State of California.

19 103. By maintaining the Property in a manner violating the San Francisco Housing Code,
20 Defendants have violated, disobeyed, omitted, neglected, and refused to comply with the San
21 Francisco Housing Code and the notices and orders issued by DBI, and Defendants are thus subject to
22 civil penalties up to \$1,000 per day for each day that such violations existed and were permitted to
23 continue as set forth in Housing Code Section 204(c)(2).

24 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION FOR PUBLIC NUISANCE**
25 **BROUGHT BY PLAINTIFF PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AGAINST ALL**
26 **DEFENDANTS BASED ON THE**
STORAGE AND SALE OF NARCOTICS AT THE PROPERTY
(Health and Safety Code Sections 11570 -11587)

27 104. Plaintiff the People of the State of California hereby incorporates by reference
28 Paragraphs 1- 103, as though fully set forth herein.

1 105. The Property is being, and for a considerable period of time prior to commencement of
2 this action has been, used for the purposes of unlawfully selling, serving, storing, possessing,
3 manufacturing, consuming or giving away controlled substances. Section 11570 of the California
4 Health and Safety Code deems such conduct a nuisance as a matter of law.

5 106. The Defendants, as owners, lessees, managers and lien holders of the Property, and
6 employees and agents of the same, are and for a considerable period of time prior to commencement
7 of this action have been, directly or indirectly maintaining or permitting the Property to be used for the
8 unlawful sale, service, storage, possession, manufacture, consumption or distribution of controlled
9 substances, resulting in a public nuisance.

10 107. Unless the Defendants are enjoined by an order of this court to close the Property for
11 one year pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 11581(b); and, to pay civil penalties of
12 \$25,000 for violation of Health and Safety Code Section 11570 pursuant to Health and Safety Code
13 Section 11581; or, if closure may create a public nuisance or may otherwise harm the community, to
14 pay damages in an amount equal to the fair market rental value of the Property for one year to the City
15 and County of San Francisco for the purpose of carrying out drug prevention and education programs
16 pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 11581(c)(1), the Defendants will continue to
17 directly and indirectly use, permit and maintain said Property as a public nuisance, and by such
18 conduct, continue to cause irreparable injury to the People of California and the residents of the City
19 and County of San Francisco.

20 108. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law in that damages alone are insufficient to
21 protect the public from the present injury and harm caused by the conduct described above.

22 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION FOR UNFAIR AND UNLAWFUL BUSINESS PRACTICES**
23 **BROUGHT BY PLAINTIFF PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF**
24 **CALIFORNIA AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS**
25 **(Business and Professions Code Sections 17200-17210)**

26 109. Plaintiff the People of the State of California hereby incorporates by reference
27 paragraphs 1 through 108 above, as though fully set forth herein.

28 110. Plaintiff brings this cause of action in the name of the People of the State of California
pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17200-17210 in order to protect the public as

1 consumers and competitors from unlawful and unfair practices committed by Defendants in the
2 commercial use and operation of the Property as a public nuisance and in violation of the law within
3 the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

4 111. Defendants transact business by operating a commercial business within the City and
5 County of San Francisco, State of California.

6 112. The violations of law described herein have been and are being carried out wholly or in
7 part within the City and County of San Francisco. The actions of Defendants are in violation of the
8 laws and public policies of the City and County of San Francisco and the State of California, and are
9 inimical to the rights and interest of the general public.

10 113. Defendants have and are engaging in the following unfair and unlawful business
11 practices prohibited by the Unfair Competition Law:

12 A. creating and maintaining a public nuisance within the meaning of Civil Code
13 Sections 3479 and 3480;

14 B. violating and creating and maintaining a public nuisance within the meaning of the
15 State Housing Law;

16 C. violating and creating and maintaining a public nuisance within the meaning of the
17 State Drug Abatement Act;

18 D. violating and creating and maintaining a public nuisance within the meaning of the
19 San Francisco Housing Code;

20 E. violating and creating and maintaining a public nuisance within the meaning of the
21 San Francisco Health Code;

22 F. violating and creating and maintaining a public nuisance within the meaning of the
23 San Francisco Fire Code.

24 114. As described in Paragraphs 20-89 above, Defendants, in the course of their business as
25 the owners, lessees, managers, and/or maintainers of commercial property that violates the San
26 Francisco Municipal Code and State nuisance and other laws, are now and for a considerable period of
27 time heretofore and at all times herein mentioned, have engaged and are engaging in a pattern and
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1 practice of unlawful acts and courses of conduct constituting unfair business practices and unfair
2 competition as prohibited by the Unfair Competition Law.

3 115. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing acts and practices, Defendants have
4 received or will receive income, profits, and other benefits, which they would not have received if they
5 had not engaged in the violations of the Unfair Competition Law described in this Complaint.

6 116. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing acts and practices, Defendants have
7 obtained a competitive unfair advantage over similar businesses that have not engaged in such
8 practices.

9 117. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law in that damages are insufficient to protect the
10 public from the present danger and harm caused by the conditions described in this Complaint.

11 118. Unless injunctive relief is granted to enjoin the unfair and unlawful business practices
12 of Defendants, Plaintiff will suffer irreparable injury and damage.

13 119. By engaging in unfair and unlawful business practices described herein, Defendants are
14 subject to civil penalties in the amount of \$2,500 per violation, pursuant to Business and Professions
15 Code Section 17206.

16 WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFFS PRAY:

17 1. that the Property and structures located at 2524-2532V Lombard Street, together with
18 the fixtures and moveable property therein and thereon, be declared a public nuisance in violation of
19 Civil Code Sections 3479 and 3480, Health and Safety Code Section 11570, and the San Francisco
20 Housing, Health and Fire Codes;

21 2. the public nuisance at the Property be abated;

22 3. that all Defendants, and each of them, their agents, officers, managers, representatives,
23 employees, and anyone acting on their behalf, and their heirs and assignees be enjoined from
24 operating, conducting, using, occupying, or in any way permitting the use of the property and
25 structures at 2524-2532V Lombard Street, as a public nuisance pursuant to Civil Code Sections 3479,
26 3480, 3491, and 3494, Code of Civil Procedure Section 731, and Business and Professions Code
27 Sections 17200-17210 and Health and Safety Code Sections 11570-11587;

1 4. that Defendants be declared to have engaged in unfair and unlawful business acts and
2 practices in violation of Business and Professions Code Sections 17200-17210;

3 5. that, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17203-17204, Defendants,
4 their agents, officers, managers, representatives, employees, and anyone acting on their behalf, and
5 their heirs, successors, and assignees be enjoined from operating, conducting, using, occupying, or in
6 any way permitting the use of the Property in violation of the Civil Code Sections 3479 and 3480,
7 Health and Safety Code Sections 11570-11587, or otherwise engaging in the unfair and unlawful
8 business practices described in this Complaint;

9 6. Defendants, and each of them, inclusive, be enjoined from spending, transferring,
10 encumbering, or removing from California any money received from the Property or in payment for
11 the unfair and unlawful acts alleged in the Complaint;

12 7. pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11581, Defendants be ordered to pay civil
13 penalties of \$25,000 for violation of Health and Safety Code Section 11570;

14 8. pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 11581(c)(1) Defendants be
15 ordered to pay damages in an amount equal to the fair market rental value of the Property for one year
16 to the City and County of San Francisco for the purpose of carrying out drug prevention and
17 education;

18 9. pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 17206, Defendants be ordered to
19 pay a civil penalty of \$2,500 for each act of unfair and unlawful competition in violation of Business
20 and Professions Code Section 17200;

21 10. pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 17206.1, Defendants be ordered to
22 pay an additional civil penalty of \$2,500 for each act of unfair and unlawful business practice that
23 affected one or more elderly or disabled persons;

24 11. pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 17203, that the Court order
25 restitution of all money or property acquired by Defendants as a result of the unlawful business
26 practices to Motel patrons during all times relevant to the Complaint;

12. that Plaintiffs recover the costs of suit, including attorneys' fees, costs of investigation and discovery from Defendants, their successors and assigns, as provided by Civil Code Section 3496(d) and the State Housing Law;

13. that Plaintiffs recover the costs of suit from Defendants, their successors and assigns, as provided by Code of Civil Procedure Section 1032;

14. that Plaintiffs shall have a lien upon Defendants' real estate interest in the Premises in the amount expended pursuant to statutory authority and to have judgment in this amount against Defendants, their successors and assigns;

15. recordation of an Abstract of Judgment in this case constitute a prior lien over any lien that may be held on the Property by any Defendants to this action; and

16. the Court grant such other and further relief as this Court should find just and proper, including attorneys' fees and costs as allowed by statute.

Dated: October 26, 2009

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Description

A Property Description for 2524-2532V Lombard Street, San Francisco, California

EXHIBIT A

Property Address:
2524-2532V Lombard Street

All that real property in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, described as follows:

PARCEL A:

COMMENCING at a point on the Northerly line of Lombard Street, distant thereon 101 feet, 3 inches Westerly from the Westerly line of Divisadero Street, running thence Westerly along said line of Lombard Street 75 feet; thence at a right angle Northerly 137 feet, 6 inches; thence at a right angle Easterly 75 feet; thence at a right angle Southerly 137 feet, 6 inches to the point of commencement.

BEING part of Western Addition Block No. 488.

Assessor's Parcel No. Lot 3, Block 935

PARCEL B:

COMMENCING at a point on the Northerly line of Lombard Street, distant thereon 176 feet and 3 inches Westerly from the Westerly line of Divisadero Street; running thence Westerly along said line of Lombard Street 50 feet; thence at a right angle Northerly 137 feet and 6 inches; thence at a right angle Easterly 50 feet; and thence at a right angle Southerly 137 feet and 6 inches to the point of commencement.

BEING part of Western Addition Block No. 488.

Assessor's Parcel No. Lot 4, Block 935